

**Gunthwaite & Ingbirchworth
Urban District**

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TO THE GUNTHWAITE AND INGBIRCHWORTH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1937.

Copies have been sent to the Home Secretary, the Ministry of Health, and the County Council.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. H. ARNISON

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area, 2,057 acres. Population, 304. Number of inhabited houses according to the rate books, 82. Rateable value, £3,534. Sum represented by a penny rate, £8 8s. 10d.

The social conditions are agricultural. There is no amount of unemployment.

LIVE BIRTHS.—Legitimate : total 3 (males 1, females 2), Illegitimate, 0. Birth-rate per thousand of the estimated resident population, 9.86.

STILL BIRTHS.—Total 0.

DEATHS.—Total 1 (males 0, females 1). Death-rate per 1,000 of population, 3.22.

Deaths from puerperal causes—(1) Puerperal Sepsis 0 ;
(2) Other puerperal causes 0.

Death-rate of infants under one year of age :—0.

Deaths from Measles, all ages, 0.
Whooping Cough, all ages, 0.
Diarrhoea, under 2 years of age, 0.

There have been no causes of sickness or invalidity specially noteworthy in the area during the year. There is no evidence that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health and physique of children or adults.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Part-time Medical Officer of Health : Dr. G. H. Arnison.

Public Vaccinator : Dr. A. G. Wilson.

Sanitary Inspector : Mr. S. Burdett.

There have been no alterations or developments in Nursing in the Home, Laboratory facilities, Hospitals, Ambulance facilities, Clinics, and Treatment Centres.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.—The supply has been satisfactory. It is analysed by the Barnsley Corporation and found satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—The main village sewer should be extended in the direction of High Flatts and should be of a more comprehensive nature, and should include New Row, Ingbirchworth.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.—No action has been required to check pollution.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—See Table C. A water-carriage system with adequate water-closet accommodation is badly needed.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.—See Table C.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA —See Table C

SMOKE ABATEMENT.—No action has been needed.

SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES.—None exist.

RAG FLOCK ACTS.—None exist.

SCHOOLS.—None in the area.

HOUSING STATISTICS.—See Table D. There is little over-crowding, and with a few exceptions the houses are in a fair condition of repair. The exceptions require drastic treatment.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.—Inspections were made by an assistant veterinary officer of the County Council. He reported that with the exception of a one case of disease the health and condition of the cows was satisfactory, and their cleanliness on the whole satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD.—No slaughter-houses in the district.

ADULTERATION.—No action has been required.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.—County Laboratory, Wakefield.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No cases were notified.

TUBERCULOSIS.—No new cases notified. No deaths occurred.

The efficiency of notification is satisfactory.

TABLE C, 1937.

Gunthwaite and Ingbirchworth Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1937, for Nuisances only—7	Total needing abatement—
Nuisances found in 1937—0	Abated during 1937—1
Nuisances in hand end of 1936—1	Outstanding end of 1937—0
Informal Notices served—1	Complied with—1
Statutory Notices served—0	Complied with—0
Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings—None	

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

Common Lodging Houses—No. in District, 0; No. on Register, 0; total No. of Inspections made, 0; general condition— Legal proceedings—0	
Houses let in Lodgings—No. in District, 0; No. on Register, 0; Total No. of Inspections made, 0; General Condition—	
Canal Boats—0	
Knackers' Yards—0	
Tents, Vans and Sheds—0; No. on Register—0; Inspections—0; General Condition—	
Offensive Trades—Fishfriers; No. in District, 0; No. on Register, 0; Total No. of Inspections made, 0; General Condition— Legal Proceedings 0.	
Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—No	

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1937—None	
Details of any portion of district still requiring—	
(a) Sewering—New Row, part of the district, and the main sewer in the direction of High Flatts	
(b) Improvement of defective sewers—None	
No. of houses not connected to sewers—All New Row; half-house on Main Road; all Gunthwaite	
Sewage Disposal Works—Particulars of any extensions made during 1937—None	
Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works—No	
Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board—No	

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens—0	
No. of Pail or Tub Closets—1	
No. of Privies with covered middens—72	
No. of Water Closets—5; Waste Water Closets—0	
No. of Privies re-constructed during 1937—(a) as W.C.'s, 0 (b) other, 0	
No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1937—	
(a) W.C.'s, 0; (b) other, 0	
No. of Closets constructed in 1937 for new houses—(a) W.C.'s, 0; (b) other, 0	
Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies and pails to W.C. System. If so, what?—None	

SCAVENGING—

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district?—

Partly

If not, is it in operation in any part of the area. If so please specify—Village of Ingbirchworth

How is refuse disposed of? Destruction— Tipping—Clean refuse
Farmers—Chiefly

If tipping is in operation, is it on the controlled system?—No

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse—£18 14 0

WATER SUPPLY—

Source of supply—Barnsley Corporation's Reservoir

By whom distributed—Urban District Council

No. of houses on public supply—Ingbirchworth Village

Any extension of supply during the year—No

Has supply been satisfactory—Yes

(a) In quality—Yes (b) In quantity—Yes

Any examinations made during the year—

(a) Chemical Result—Satisfactory

(b) Bacteriological Result—Satisfactory

Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where?—No

MILK SUPPLY—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) of the 1922 Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act?—

(a) For Retailers—Yes

(b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes

Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS, 1936—

1 No. of Licences in force in area for :—

(a) Production of "Tuberculin Tested" Milk—None

(b) Production of "Accredited" Milk—None

(c) In respect of Pasteurising plants—None

2 Samples of designated Milks examined bacteriologically—
Satisfactory 0 ; Unsatisfactory 0

No. of Milk samples taken by Officers of L.A. for analysis under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—None

No. found adulterated— No. of prosecutions—

No. of samples of Ordinary Milk taken by Officers of L.A. for:

(a) Methylene blue test— (b) Presence of tuberculosis—

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt, *e.g.*, sedimentation test—

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1937—No

No. of Cowkeepers in district—25

No. registered—13

Total No. of Cowsheds—

Total No. of Milk Cows—Continually varying

Total No. of Cowsheds Inspected during the year—

Total No. of Cowshed Inspections—

No. of Wholesale Traders Registered—3

No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered—10

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk—General conditions fair, but cows were reported by the County Veterinary Officer as dirty on one farm, and the cowsheds as unsatisfactory on two others

MEAT INSPECTION—

Any public abattoir in district?—No
 Total No. of private slaughterhouses—0 Made up of—0
 Registered and licensed—
 No. unsatisfactory either as regards structure, position, or in other respects—
 Total number of carcasses inspected—
 Number entirely condemned—None
 Number of cases where part of carcass or organs condemned—None
 Number of prosecutions and results—None

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924—

Meat marking : Is scheme in force under above?—No
 If so, give particulars of action under same—

OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officers of L.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—None
 No. found adulterated—0 No of Prosecutions—
 No. of Bakehouses in district— Total Inspections—
 Are any of bakehouses underground, if so, how many?—

SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District—0
 No. visited by M.O.H.—
 Action taken—None
 Schools closed by M.O.H.—

FABRIQUES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration taken during 1937—None
 No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke—None
 No. of cautions issued—None
 No. of statutory notices issued—None
 No. of prosecutions—None

SHOPS ACT 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)—

No. of Visits paid under the above Act during 1937—0
 Unsatisfactory conditions found—0
 Remedied—

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, etc.

No. in District—
 Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase?—
 Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268 (4) Public Health Act, 1936?—No
 Any action under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936?—No
 Has any trouble been experienced in controlling this type of dwelling—No
 If so, give particulars—

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS—

Please state :—
 No. of Council houses found to be infested—None
 Other houses found to be infested—None
 What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs?—
 What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses?

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS—

Are there in the district :—

(a) Any public swimming baths or pools?—No

(b) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public?—No

If so, give brief particulars of each and state what action is taken to ensure satisfactory condition of the water—

ADOPTIVE ACTS in force in the District—

Please give complete list stating also if all Act has been adopted, and if not, what Parts or Sections are in force—

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in District

Please give complete list of Bye-laws and Regulations in force, and date of adoption in every case—

Cleansing of Footpaths and Pavements, Dec. 19th, 1900

Scavenging, Dec. 19th, 1900

Prevention of Nuisances, Dec. 19th, 1900

Slaughter houses, Dec. 21st, 1900

INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions?—No

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1937?—None

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1937—Influenza State months—
January and February

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list—No

Any influences threatening the health of the District—No

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever Cases? (for areas autonomous under the M. & C.W. Act, 1918)—

At Home—No

In Hospital—At Huddersfield or Sheffield

ISOLATION HOSPITALS—

General Infectious Diseases—

Address of Hospital—Penistone Joint Isolation Hospital,
Ingbirchworth

Any change or extension in 1937—No

Any disease in addition to Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever or Diphtheria
(e.g. Pneumonia) treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital—No

Name of Authority controlling—Joint Urban Districts

Smallpox—

Address of Hospital—Penistone Joint Hospital, Roughbirchworth

Any change or extension in 1937—No

Name of Authority controlling—Joint Urban Districts

GENERAL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS—

- (a) General and Accident— Address —Royal Hospital and
Children's— Infirmary, Sheffield
(b) Local : Hospital, Cottage—None and Huddersfield
(c) Maternity (Homes)—None

AMBULANCE SERVICES—

For General Sick and Accident Cases—

Location of Ambulance, Penistone ; Ownership, Joint
Urban Districts ; Type of Ambulance, Motor ; Arrangements
for nurse to accompany patient, None ; Charges (if any) to
patients in district, None

For General Infectious Disease Cases—

Location of Ambulance, Hospital ; Ownership, Joint
Urban Districts ; Type of Ambulance, Motor ; Arrangements
for nurse to accompany patient, Yes ; Charges (if any) to
patients in district, None

For Smallpox—

Location of Ambulance, Hospital ; Ownership, Joint
Urban Districts ; Type of Ambulance, Horse ; Arrangements
for nurse to accompany patient, probably Yes ; Charges (if any)
to patients in district, None

If ambulance of another Authority is used, please state terms and
conditions—

MORTUARIES. What accommodation—

- (a) for accidents—
(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital—
(c) for other purposes—
(d) for post mortem examinations—
Any suggestions by M.O.H.—

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory)—

Any suggestions ?—

BURNING SPOIL BANKS.

Any nuisance therefrom ? If so, please give particulars—

SANITARY STAFF

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.—£12 12s.

Name of Sanitary Inspector—S. Burdett

Annual Salary as Inspector—£9

Other Appointments held—Surveyor

Salary for such other appointments—£156

Any Assistants ?—

Is Staff sufficient ?—

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by
Ministry of Health—

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS—

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary Requirements of District,
suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing
entries. Any suggestions as to need for County Clinics or Dispen-
saries, or as to existing Clinics or Dispensaries

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Table D.

Year 1937.

Summary of Housing Work showing the action taken under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1925; the Housing Act, 1930, and the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932, or matters arising therefrom.

1.—*Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.*

1. *a* Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—5
- b* Number of inspections made for the purpose—5
2. *a* Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—5
- b* Number of inspections made for the purpose—5
3. Number of dwelling-houses needing further action—3
- a* Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—0
- b* Number (excluding those in sub-head *a* above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—3
- Totals of 3—*a* and *b* should equal figure given for (3)

2.—*Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their Officers—0

3.—*Action under Statutory Powers during the year.*

A. Proceedings under Sections 17, 18, 23, Housing Act, 1930.

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—0
2. No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—0
- a* By owners—0
- b* By Local Authority in default of owners—0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—0
2. No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—0
- a* By owners—0
- b* By Local Authority in default of owners—0

C Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21, Housing Act, 1930

1. No. of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation—0
2. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—0
3. No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—0

D. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930, or Section 84, Housing Act, 1935 :—

1. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made—0
2. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—0

4.—*Unhealthy Areas*

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto—No

5.—*Number of new houses erected during the year 1937.*

a By the Local Authority	...	...	0
b By private enterprise	...	...	0
Total	...	...	0

6.—*Housing Conditions.*

1. Total number of houses in the District—82
2. Number of working-class houses included in above—82
3. General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses—There is little overcrowding, and very little shortage of houses. Most of the property is in good condition. The exceptions are hopeless.
4. Any special activity in house building, if so, where—No
5. Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, give particulars—None
6. Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936—None exist

7.—*Town Planning.*

1. Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which?—No
2. Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for
 - a The whole of the District—No
 - b Part of the District—No
 If so, give particulars of scheme
3. Have Council during 1937 passed a resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? If so, does it relate to
 - a Whole District—No
 - b Part of District—No
 If part only, please state which part—

8.—Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—S. Burdett, Sanitary Inspector, Ingbirchworth

9—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your district, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken—The situation has not arisen

10—*Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding*

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—0
- (2) Number of families dwelling therein—
- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein—
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—0
- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—1
- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases—5
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—0
- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report—

Signed

G. H. ARNISON,

Medical Officer of Health

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1937, for the

URBAN DISTRICT OF GUNTHWAITE
AND INGBIRCHWORTH,

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act,
1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors
or Inspectors of Nuisances.

		Inspections
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	...	...None exist
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	...	... 4
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	...	...None exist
	Total	4

Written Notices, None

Occupiers prosecuted, None.

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops & Workplaces

Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—None

Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act—None

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 108.

None

